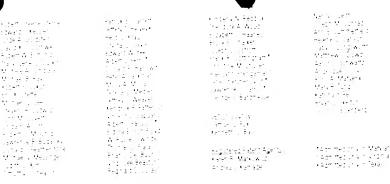
## Sterne Kessler Goldstein Fox





June 18, 2002

HECENTED

WRITER'S DIRECT NUMBER: (202) 371-2582 INTERNET ADDRESS: PJACKMAN@SKGF COM

100 1 € 17 1 Art Unit 1651

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

TECH CENTER 1600 2000

Re:

U.S. Utility Patent Application

Appl. No. 09/631,638; Filed: August 2, 2000

For: Process for the Recovery of Organic Acids

Inventors:

Moore and Sanborn

Our Ref:

1533.0980001/SRL/PAJ

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

- 1. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111; and
- 2. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

STERNE, KESSLER, GOLDSTEIN & FOX P.L.L.C.

Peter A. Jackman Attorney for Applicants Registration No. 45,986

SRL/PAJ:drb Enclosures



## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Moore and Sanborn

Appl. No. 09 631,638

Filed: August 2, 2000

Organic Acids

For:

Process for the Recovery of

Confirmation No.: 8662

Art Unit: 1651

Examiner: Naff, D.

Atty. Docket: 1533.0980001 SRL PAJ

## Amendment And Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 RECEIVED

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

JUN 1 9 2002

Sir:

TECH CENTER 1600/2900

In reply to the Office Action dated March 18, 2002, (PTO Prosecution File Wrapper Paper No. 9). Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks. This Amendment is provided in the following format:

- (A) A clean version of each replacement paragraph/section/claim along with clear instructions for entry:
- (B) Starting on a separate page, appropriate remarks and arguments. 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 and M.P.E.P. § 714; and
- (C) Starting on a separate page, a marked-up version entitled: "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made."

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R.